Status of Bombay as a National City

4582. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for declaring a city as National City;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the Maharashtra Government for upgrading the status of Bombay as a National City; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON); (a) to (c) The Government of India do not declare any cities as National cities. Taking into consideration the present population, urban growth rate and contribution that the Mega Cities make towards National Development, a Centrally Sponsorded Scheme for infrastructural development of Mega cities has been formulated by the Planning Commission. The Government of Maharashtra formulated and submitted a proposal for provision, of infrastructural and basic amenities in Bombay at an estimated cost of Rs. 1217 crores. The proposal has been recommended to the Planning Commission; The proposal has been discussed by Planning Commission with the State Govt, and final decision regarding size of the project and pattern of funding has not been taken.

Unauthorised construction of commercial complex in Hari Nagar, Delhi

4583. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a four storeyed commercial complex with cent percent basement has been constructed on plot No. A-252 in Hari Nagar, New Delhi especially where by a school with about 1000 students in running in the opposite direction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the local residents have made representation to all civic authorities including Lt. Governor and Municipal Commissioner;

(c) if so, what steps are beng taken to demolish the illegal and unauthorised structure, especially when this structure do have lavatories in the convered illegal verandah; and

(d) if so, by when it would be done; if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that necessary action under sections 343, 344 and 345 (A) of the DMC Act have been initiated against the Seviations carried out against the sanctioned building plan.

(d) MCD was restrained from taking demolition action by the Appellate Tribunal, MCD. The properly was sealed on 12.8.1993. The sealing orders were set-aside by the Appellate Tribunal, MCD on 19.8.1993 and property was accordingly de-sealed on 20.8.1993. The case now statnds remanded for fresh hearing. Further action in this respect can be taken after the desposal of remand case.

House building loans to the drought affected people

4584. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State Governments which have approached the Central Government with a programme to help the low and middle income groups and other families in the severely drought affected areas which need a large programme of house building loans; and

(b) the decision taken thereon by the Central Government?